

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

5 1. A combination camcorder and camera stabilizer comprising:

a platform having a first end connectable to a camera and a second end extending outwardly from the first end to rest on a shoulder of a camera operator;

10 a handle connectable to the platform having camera controls contained thereon; and

means for transmitting camera control signals from the handle to a signal receiving port on the camera.

15 2. The combination of claim 1, wherein the means for transmitting camera control signals is a fiber optic tape applied to the camcorder.

20 3. The combination of claim 2, wherein the fiber optic tape includes a backing sheet, at least one fiber optic fiber, an adhesive to retain the fiber optic fiber to the backing sheet and the backing sheet to the camcorder.

25 4. The combination of claim 3, wherein there are a plurality of fiber optic fibers.

30 5. The combination of claim 1, wherein the means for transmitting the camera control signals is a fiber optic cable extending through the platform having one end adjacent the camera controls in the handle and an opposite end adjacent the signal receiving port on the camera.

35 6. The combination of claim 1, wherein the means for transmitting the camera control signals is a signal bore extending through the platform such that control signals

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generated by the camera controls in the handle can pass
through the signal bore in the platform and into the signal
5 receiving port on the camera positioned above the signal bore.

7. The combination of claim 6, wherein a fiber optic
cable is positioned in the signal bore.

10 8. The combination of claim 1, wherein the handle has a
remote control containing the camera controls.

9. The combination of claim 8, wherein the remote
control is removably mounted on the handle.

15 10. The combination of claim 1, wherein the means for
transmitting camera control signals comprises a fiber optic
fiber and an adhesive.

20 11. A combination camcorder and camera platform
comprising:

a shoulder section having a shoulder pad at one end
thereof;

25 a camera section movably attached to the shoulder
section for supporting the camcorder;

a handle removably attached to the camera section;

a remote control removably attached to the handle;
and

30 a fiber optic fiber for transmitting control signals
from the remote control to a signal receiving port on the
video camera.

12. The combination of claim 11, wherein the fiber optic
fiber is positioned on a tape attached to the camcorder.

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13. The combination of claim 11, wherein the fiber optic
fiber has a first end adjacent the remote control and an
5 opposite end adjacent the signal receiving port on the camera.

14. The combination of claim 11, wherein the camera
section has a signal bore extending therethrough, such that
control signals generated by the remote control can pass
10 through the signal bore and into the first end of the fiber
optic fiber

15. The combination of claim 12, wherein the tape has a
backing sheet and an adhesive.

16. The combination of claim 11 wherein the fiber optic
fiber is directly attached to the camcorder by an adhesive.

17. A camcorder comprising a body having an infrared
20 signal receiving port and at least one fiber optic fiber
attached to an outer surface of the camcorder extending along
the outer surface to the infrared signal receiving port.

18. The camcorder of claim 17, wherein the infrared
25 signal receiving port is located on a front surface of the
camera.

19. The camcorder of claim 17, wherein the fiber optic
fiber is attached to the surface of the camcorder by tape.

20. The camcorder of claim 17, wherein the fiber optic
fiber is attached to the surface of the camcorder by an
adhesive.